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Steering Committee Statement on the Attack in Nice, France

The recent attack on innocent bystanders in Nice marks another case of hatred and xenophobia against freedom and humanity.

It was an attack on the very soul of that Europe which continues to help people in need, give shelter to the homeless, asylum to the oppressed and food to the starving.

For us European values also represent the moral compass, which helps to distinguish Islamic extremists from millions of innocent Muslims and refugees who are the very victims of this destructive ideology.

We know who will win this undeclared war because Europe and its spirit are strong. We express our condolences to the families of the victims including to that of the murderer whose mind was clouded by hatred and false values, which led him to lose his own life while committing this monstrous crime.

We stand with the freedom-loving people of France and Europe whose sons and daughters died in this attack. We wish a speedy recovery to all the injured.

We reiterate together with all people of good will around the world those fundamental values which have once again come under attack – liberté, égalité, fraternité!

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